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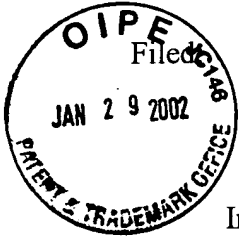
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Applicant encloses an Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant, citing thirty-nine (39) United States patents, three (3) foreign patent documents and twelve non-patent documents on three (3) sheets of Form PTO/SB/08A. A copy of the enumerated references in the Applicant's possession is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be mailed before the mailing of a first action on the merits, this response is made without a fee. If this is incorrect and a fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 15-0450 for any deficiency.

According to the terms of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(g) and (h), this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, an admission that the information cited is or is considered to be material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

**REMARKS**

The references cited herein are intended to include at least all art cited to date in presently pending US Patent application 09/705,056, filed 21 November 2000, which is commonly-owned by the assignee in the present case, National Steel Car Limited, of Canada.

The foregoing Information Disclosure Statement is based upon the information contained in the undersigned attorney's file as of the filing date of this statement and is inclusive of the best information known to the undersigned at that date.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the non-patent document references, particularly the RAILWAY AGE references on page 3. The location of the publisher is cited as "Boston, Conn.", although it is inherently clear that this should be "Boston, MA."

Prompt consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and the references by the Examiner is requested.

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